(b) the requirement of gas of these plants annually;

(c) whether the State Government had requested to the Union Government to ensure smooth gas supply to these plants at concessional rates and also bear the transport cost;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Ministry of Power has taken up the matter with the Gas Authority of India Limited (GAIL); and

(f) if so, the decision taken by GAIL in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) and (b) The linkage of gas for power plants in Rajasthan is as under:

1. Anta	1.75 MCMD
2. Ramgarh	0.55 MCMD

(c) to (f) Oil India Limited (OIL) is supplying gas to Ramgarh power plant of Rajasthan State Electricity Board (RSEB) through Gas Authority of India Limited (GAIL). OIL is of the view that discount should not be applicable for gas supplied by OIL to RSEB and it is billing GAIL at producer's price of Rs. 1800 per 1000 SCUM adjusted for calorific value along with levies like Royalty and Sales Tax.

IDBI

184. SHRI ANANTH KUMAR : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI) proposed to finance power projects in Karnataka State:

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard; and

(d) the total amount required and the details of the projects to be financed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Indian Financial Institutions including IDBI have committed financial assistance to the following power projects in Karnataka.

Sl. No.	Name of Project	Promoters M/s	Capacity (MW)
1.	Toranagallu TPP	Jindal Tractabel	260
2.	Chunchankatte HEP	Graphite India Ltd.	15
3.	Raichur TPP	Karnataka Power Corpn.	420
4.	Subash Kabini Power Company Ltd.	Subash Projects & Marketing Ltd.	20

The total assistance committed by the Indian Financial Institutions to these four projects is about Rs. 1600 crores.

NTPC

185. SHRI SANDIPAN THORAT : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Thermal Power Corporation propose to change its policy to supply the power to State Electricity Boards at market rate; and

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith its justification?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTRY OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) and (b) The tariff for the power stations of the National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) is notified by the Government of India under Section 43(A) of the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948. NTPC has approached the Government of India for enhancing the rate of return of its existing power stations from 12% to 16% and also enhancement of the incentive levels.

Task Force for Power Generation

186. DR. SUBBARAMI REDDY : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have constituted a high-power task force to identify more power projects for extra 10,000 MW power generation during Ninth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the suggestions made by the task force;

(c) whether any concrete proposals has been worked out in this regard; and

(d) if so, the extent to which the power generation target for the Ninth Year Plan have been finally fixed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) Yes, Sir